

Delays in transportation of coal from CIL

2951. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currently huge delays in transportation of coal from CIL often runs into years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to expand the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model into a longer term contract of 30 to 35 years, depending on the capacity of the mine being bid out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL) : (a) and (b) In three major coalfields namely North Karanpura - Auranga of Central Limited (CCL), Mand Raigarh - Korba of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Ib Valley-Talcher of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), which have a high growth potential, coal transportation has been affected due to inadequacy of evacuation infrastructure facility. Three major railway infrastructure facilities namely Tori-Shivpur (Kathotia), Mand-Raigarh - Korba and Gopalpur-Manoharpur rail links in these coalfields are under various stages of implementation. The Tori-Shivpur (Kathotia) rail link for North Karanpura - Auranga coalfields of CCL that started in the year 1990 is still under construction and is delayed due to Forest Clearance issues. The Gopalpur Manoharpur track for IB valley - Sundergarh coalfields in MCL is delayed due to land acquisition problems. Action has been initiated for construction of rail tracks in two corridors of Mand-Raigarh - Korba coalfields of SECL.

(c) and (d) The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech while presenting the Budget for 2013-14 has made an announcement for Public Private Participation (PPP) with Coal India Limited as one of the partners for augmentation of coal production in the country. Accordingly, a Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Coal) with representatives from Planning Commission, Ministries of Finance (DEA), Labour, Law and Justice (DLA) among other to recommend a framework for the same.